

Planning Committee

27th June 2022

7.00pm

Present:- Cllrs, O'Shea in the chair, Ost, Reardon A & J, Stansfield, Mason, Lea, and Annis.

Apologies from Cllrs Cave, Darnell, (verbally by Cllr Mason)

No members of the public present.

Item 2, Minutes of Planning Committee 30th May accepted as a record of the meeting.

Items 3 and 4 on the agenda - None.

Item 5 Applications received:-

DC/22/02362. HA Erection of Garden Shed, 26 High Street NM

The committee were unsure of this application, whether it was as proposed or already carried out. As the response date was 22nd June, it was agreed by the Chair and Clerk that the committee would make 'no comment' and leave to the discretion of the Planning Officer.

Committee agreed.

DC/22/02884 HA Single storey rear extension and small front extension. 5 Bluebell Grove. NM Response date 27/6

Committee discussed the application and decided that it seemed there were no grounds to object. Cllr Mason proposed approval, all agreed.

DC/22/02944 LB 4 Coddenham Road NM non-compliance use of corkboard insulation.

Committee discussed the application and agreed that this would have no visual impact on this listed building under renovation. Comments were made regarding the sympathetic work being carried out, so no objection was raised.

Decision response date 29th June.

DC/22/02916 HA 17 Chainhouse Road, Erection of front extension to existing converted garage to provide disabled bathroom facilities, and replacement of steps and provision of handrails.

Committee discussed the application and the possibility of losing parking space in an already congested area but on examination it became clear that the garage had already been converted and there would be little impact on the off-road parking.

No objections were raised about this application.

Decision response date 30th June.

Item 6 Items from the Town Clerk.

Cllr O'Shea reported that should the committee want, a deputy chair could be elected. Councillor Ost was suggested by Cllr Mason and backed by all other councillors. Cllr Ost agreed to stand.

A comment has been received from BMSDC planning officer regarding application DC/22/02298 received last month for land behind the 'Lion' pub which was strongly opposed by all Councillors present. A comment by the applicant's agent was made regarding the standing and status of the Neighbourhood Plan for Needham Market (approved by BMSDC in February) and the wording of this comment was almost identical to one recently made by BMSDC planning officer. Our planning consultant has been contacted and will be advising on the status of the NMNP and if a meeting with BMSDC planning department would be appropriate. A lively discussion followed. It was agreed not to engage with the developer as any comment from the committee could be 'misconstrued' and taken out of context and we will await our planning consultants view before taking matters further. Cllr O'Shea informed the committee that Cllr Mike Norris understands that the application is not currently scheduled on the weekly Draft Planning Committee Workload Report issued 27 June covering the next 2 months, although this is subject to change. However the determination deadline for application is shown on the planning file as 3rd August 2022.

The committee were reminded that the review of the NMNP would be discussed at the planning committee meeting on August 22nd and any updates or changes be discussed then. Cllr Ost undertook to check the planning envelope for Needham Market, considering parish boundary changes made in recent years to ensure the NMNP accurately reflects them.

Meeting closed at 8pm.